

ABSTRACT

5 A copyright information management system supporting  
the management and protection of products comprised of  
digitalized multimedia content in a product distribution  
environment. The copyright information management system  
(10) provides a copyright information management center  
(11), provided in a product distribution environment (15)  
where products are distributed through communications  
10 lines (14) between a product provider (12) including at  
least one of a copyright owner and distributor and a  
product user (13) receiving the product, for exchanging  
information relating to the products through the  
communications lines (14). The copyright information  
15 management center (11) centrally manages all copyright  
information through the communications lines (14) by  
preregistering copyright information relating to the  
individual products in the center (11).